
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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Gaming Enforcement Revolving Fund

Purpose and History

Prior to July 1, 2010, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) billed the gaming industry through the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) for 100.0% of the fees for regulating gambling activities in Iowa. These fees include direct and indirect support costs such as supplies, equipment, fuel, and costs associated with support personnel. The gaming industry reimbursed regulatory fees to the General Fund on a weekly basis.

The Gaming Enforcement Revolving Fund was created during the 2010 Legislative Session. Since July 1, 2010, receipts from the gaming industry have been deposited in the Gaming Enforcement Revolving Fund rather than the General Fund. The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Special Enforcement Operations Bureau no longer receives funding from the General Fund, but instead receives funding from the Gaming Enforcement Revolving Fund.

Special Enforcement Operations Bureau

The Special Enforcement Operations Bureau of the DCI is in charge of both criminal investigations and regulatory enforcement of the laws and rules applicable to gambling in Iowa. The gaming industry is required to pay a regulatory fee for the salaries of no more than three special agents for each gambling facility.

Amusement Devices/Social and Charitable Gambling

The Bureau also conducts routine inspections and criminal investigations into video lottery devices, amusement devices, and lottery pull-tabs. They also oversee raffles, carnival games, and bingo. Agents conduct investigations into illegal forms of gaming, including sports bookmaking, high-stakes poker, and cockfighting.

Required Reports

Beginning in 2015, the DCI is required to provide an annual report on January 15. The report details the activities of the previous fiscal year to the IRGC, the chairpersons and ranking members of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Legislative Services Agency (LSA).

More Information

Iowa Department of Public Safety: dps.iowa.gov

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission: irgc.iowa.gov

Special Enforcement Operations Bureau: dps.iowa.gov/divisions/criminal-investigation/special-enforcement-operations

Special Enforcement Operations Bureau Report: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/DF/1207602.pdf

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Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [80.43](#), [99D.14](#), and [99F.10](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [661](#)

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